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SUBJECT: GERMAN DEMARCHE TO GOP

1. WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR SPENT 35 MINUTES WITH COSTA GOMES
AT NOON MARCH 26. PRESENTED HIS TALKING POINTS (THOSE
REPORTED BY USNATO) IN WRITING AT OUTSET OF CONVERSATION.
COSTA GOMES RESPONSE CLOSELY PARALLELED THAT GIVEN U.K.
AMBASSADOR AND ME.

2. COSTA GOMES SAID GOP FULFILLING ITS COMMITMENTS TO NATO.
REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL HAD REAFFIRMED ITS ADHERENCE TO INTER-
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NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

3. COSTA GOMES THEN REPEATED HIS STANDARD COMPLAINTS WITH WESTERN PRESS. SAID HE READ FRENCH, BRITISH, GERMAN AND U.S. NEWSPAPERS. ALL PRESENTED DISTORTED IDEA OF SITUATION HERE.

4. GERMAN AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT IT QUITE PROPER FOR FOREIGN PRESS TO REPORT VIOLENCE SUCH AS OCCURRED IN OPORTO AND SETUBAL, AND REFERRED TO LOCAL PRESS ATTACKS ON WEST. SPECIFICALLY OBJECTED TO PERSONAL ATTACKS ON WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR. COSTA GOMES SAID HE TOLD MINISTER OF INFORMATION TO TRY TO PERSUADE LOCAL PRESS NOT TO ATTACK GOP ALLIES.

5. COSTA GOMES SAID GOP WILL DO EVERYTHING TO ASSURE THAT ELECTIONS WILL BE "AS PERFECT AS POSSIBLE." GAVE GERMAN AMBASSADOR SAME LINE HE GAVE ME ABOUT COMMUNISTS USING VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AND PPD IN NORTH. ALSO GAVE SAME LAME EXCUSE THAT DEATHS ONLY OCCUR WHEN MILITARY INTERVENE.

6. ACTING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS GERMAN TOLD HIM HE HEARD PRESIDENT FELT AID FROM ALLIES NOT SUFFICIENT. SAID IF AID WAS SLOW IT NOT FAULT OF WESTERN COUNTRIES BUT OF GOP. FRG LAWS REQUIRE CONCRETE PROJECTS FOR AID, BUT GOP COULD NOT SPECIFY ITS PRIORITIES. "WE HAD TO COAX FROM YOU AID PROPOSALS FOR YOURSELF," HE TOLD PRESIDENT. ASSURED HIM FRG STILL WILLING TO HELP, BUT IS HAMSTRUNG IF CAN'T GET PROPOSALS.

7. UNDERSTAND DUTCH AND BELGIAN AMBASSADORS NOW HAVE INSTRUCTIONS AND WILL TRY TO SEE COSTA GOMES MARCH 27.
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